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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC Theurer-Wrigley house

AND/OR COMMON

Wrigley Pension

**2** LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2466 North Lake View Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

13

STATE

Illinois

CODE

12

COUNTY

Cook

CODE

031

**3** CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4** OWNER OF PROPERTY

Mr. Hageneau (administrator of estate)

(deceased) Wrigley Company, 410 N. Michigan, Chicago 60610

NAME William Wrigley (recorded); Estate of P.K. Wrigley (unrecorded transfer)

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**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Cook County Recorder of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

118 North Clark Street

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

STATE

Illinois

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE (1) Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Landmarks

(2) Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE

(1) No date (2) 10/72

FEDERAL (2) STATE COUNTY LOCAL (1)

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

(1) 320 North Clark Street (2) 405 E. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

(1) Chicago (2) Springfield

STATE

Illinois

**7** DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wrigley Mansion is a beautiful and costly residence of stone, brick, and terra cotta, in a revival style based on the late Italian renaissance. The main lines form a rectangular block about 44 by 72 feet, three stories, with a low hipped roof. Two-story bays project on both street fronts; the south bay is flanked to the east by a two-story entrance and sun porch, to the west by a round conservatory; there is a carriage entrance on the north.

The elevations are mottled orange brick and terra cotta over a grey stone base. A richly textured effect is obtained from the window surrounds, corner quins, and large swag panels between the top-story windows. Elaborate wrought-iron trim at windows and porches add to the unusually rich effect. Roof and downspouts are copper which has weathered to a pale blue-green in pleasing contrast to the orange masonry. Above the heavy terra cotta cornice a line of copper fleur-de-lis enliven the skyline.

The house is of fully fireproof construction with steel beams, tile arches and partitions.

There are at least 18 large rooms. These include, on the first floor, a reception hall 17 feet by 20, a library 14x26, and a dining room 16x29, the conservatory lying next the dining room; on the second floor, five large bedrooms and three sitting-rooms; on the third floor, a dancing-room 35x32 and a parlor. The basement has a billiard room.

With its various projections the house fits fairly close to the north, east, and south lines of the original property. A driveway passes along the north line, through the carriage entrance, and around the west side of the house to the other street. In the northwest corner of the property stands a large three-story brick garage about 30x55.

The exterior, and reportedly the interior as well, appears to be in very nearly original condition and generally well maintained.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Plans 1895, built 1897 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Richard E. Schmidt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wrigley Mansion is a leading example of sophisticated (and costly) renaissance revival residential architecture. Fine materials, fundamentally simple form enlivened by several projections and a rich surface play of color and texture give it a rare distinction.

At the time of construction Schmidt was President of the Chicago Architectural Club. His firm is renowned today for several recognized architectural landmarks in Chicago, including the Madlener house, the Schoenhofen Brewery, the Chapin & Gore building, the Dwight building, and several buildings for Montgomery Ward. Schmidt was an American pioneer in the use of concrete construction and in this connection the fully fireproof construction of the Wrigley Mansion, very unusual at the date, is noteworthy.

Lake View Avenue faces Lincoln Park. Attrition of its original row of mansions and erection of many high-rise apartments has accented and emphasized the distinction and quality of the Wrigley Mansion until today it is an especially valued remnant of the city's architectural and cultural heritage. Furthermore, the block of Arlington Place west from Lake View is an exceptionally fine streetscape without any intrusions except at the corners, and the mansion anchors this outstanding block and marks it for strollers or users of the park.

Joseph Theurer (1852-1913), for whom the house was built, was a popular and highly respected leader of Chicago's large German-American community, and President of the Schoenhofen Brewery.

Since 1910 the house has been in the Wrigley family. William Wrigley, Jr. (1861-1932) arose from humble circumstances to be one of America's most famous men of commerce, with a great gift for promotion. Wrigley gum is known all over the world. The Wrigley name is perpetuated in Chicago by Wrigley Field, home of the baseball Cubs (controlled by the Wrigleys since 1910), and by the Wrigley building on Michigan Avenue, a bold speculation which began the redevelopment now called the "Magnificent Mile" in California the Wrigleys are remembered as the owners of Catalina Island and as prominent winter residents of Pasadena who gave their Orange Grove Avenue mansion to the Tournament of Roses in 1900 for its headquarters. About 1921 William Wrigley sold the Lake View mansion to his son Philip K. (1894-1977), nationally famous baseball magnate who never installed light at Wrigley Field, and brilliant businessman who multiplied his inherited fortune many times over.

Theurer/Wrigley House: Preliminary Summary of Information,  
Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Landmarks,  
July 1978

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF UNIMMATED PROPERTY 1/3

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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VERIBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northwest corner of Lake View Avenue and Arlington Place

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTY'S OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME/TITLE

Martin C. Tangora

ORGANIZATION

Landmarks Preservation Council

DATE

July 12, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

407 South Dearborn Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Chicago

STATE

Illinois

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION